

PRAIRIE SPIRIT TRAIL FALL CLASSIC

FAST FINISHES

by Eric Steele, RD

After all of the epic weather we had experienced at our other three events, it was truly a spectacular fall day for our inaugural Prairie Spirit race, with highs in the mid 60s, a cool afternoon breeze, and minimal clouds in the sky. Runners were treated to a plethora of incredible fall foliage and Epic Ultra Brigade Hospitality on the trail throughout the day. Our new venue at Celebration Hall happened to work out even better than we originally thought it would. Over the course of the day, the abundant smiles on the runners' faces as they came into the chute, under the arch, and across the finish line were quite simply magnificent to behold and spoke volumes about the ultrarunning experiences of a lifetime being created by everyone involved.

Hometown boy, David Cox, blew up the 50-mile course in an absolutely astonishing time of

5:56:18. Though this is not a certified course (it is actually about .25 longer), I am unaware of any faster 50-mile time in the state of Kansas right now. Hats off to David on a truly great performance. Megan Swett earned female champion honors in a time of 9:51:15. Her time on the PST 50-mile course was faster than her time on the FlatRock 50K course four weeks earlier, by nearly an hour. This, of course, speaks volumes about the difference (difficulty level) between these two courses.

The men's victory in the 50K went to Dann Fisher in a very respectable time of 4:21:11 and the 50K women's winner was Sandra Scott, who ran an equally respectable time of 5:07:36.

Honorable mention goes to all of the first-time ultrarunners, 21 individuals in the 50-mile and 50K events combined, nearly half of our total number of finishers from both events. ■



Dann Fisher running through the trees to the 50K win in 4:21:11

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50 MILES

1. David Cox, 28	5:56:18
2. Scott McCreight, 49	8:32:55
3. Jimmy Brown, 43, NE	8:48:07
4. Randy Phelps, 52	8:55:22
5. Dave Meeth, 50	9:17:22
6. Robert Hall, 56	9:34:09
7. Megan Swett, 32	9:51:15
8. Barry Smith, 46	9:51:29
9. Trevor Woods, 31	10:09:12
10. Mark Berry, 54, NE	10:14:07
11. Eric Kimlinger, 36, MO	10:35:40
12. Clay Zapletal, 52	10:42:55
13. Steve Lower, 62	11:04:31
14. John Schneider, 49	11:06:07
15. Reina Probert, 50, MO	11:07:01
16. Sean Hamlin, 39	11:33:08
17. Jim Sheldon, 52	11:33:10
18. Jana Phillips, 49, MO	11:37:49
19. Melissa Bruce, 34	11:48:58
20. Jared McCloe, 39	12:39:18
21. Erik Meyer, 39, MO	12:45:36

50 KM

1. Dann Fisher, 50	4:21:11
2. Dan Kuhlman, 59	4:38:47
3. Kevin Otoole, 34, MO	4:53:27
4. Dave Everhart, 36	4:53:28
5. John Skretta, 44, NE	4:53:52
6. Sandra Scott, 53, CO	5:07:36
7. Jenna Willbrand, 36, MO	5:11:07
8. Josh McClane, 39, MO	5:16:55
9. Michael Belt, 50, MO	5:17:44
10. Michael Pfannenstiel, 48	5:20:45
11. Douglas Hines, 46	5:51:53
12. Danny Cox, 26	5:58:15
13. Lee Cordell, 41, NE	6:00:58
14. Keven Stone, 43, OK	6:04:02
15. Casey Woolfolk, 28	6:07:21
16. Allen Levine, 47	6:19:51
17. Joell Chockley, 44	6:22:55
18. Amanda Zook, 33, MO	6:34:21
19. Patrick Allen, 58	6:34:25
20. Kelly Pfannenstiel, 50	6:38:51
21. Katrina Jones, 41, MO	6:38:53
22. Gene Dixon, 42	6:44:03
23. Larry Kelley, 47, IA	6:45:01
24. Robert Dewar, 68, MO	7:24:34
25. Traci Votaw, 40	7:26:01
26. Vincent Ma, 44, CA	7:35:35
27. Mary Desch, 48	8:02:18
28. Brian Wing, 38, MO	8:05:38

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